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**SCHNEIDER et al**

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For: **LONG LASTING AQUEOUS DISPERSIONS  
OR SUSPENSIONS OF  
PRESSURE-RESISTANT GAS-FILLED  
MICROVESICLES AND METHODS FOR  
THE PREPARATION THEREOF**

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

**PETITION TO SUSPEND ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.103(a)**

Applicants hereby petition to have action suspended in this application for a period of at least 6 months as provided by Rule 103 and MPEP 709.

Dr. Nenad Tomov, the person responsible for preparing and prosecuting this application in the assignee company, Bracco Reserach S.A. of Geneva, Switzerland, was aboard ill fated Swissair Flight 111 on September 2, 1998 when it crashed; see the attached list of those killed on this flight as published in the New York Times. Dr. Tomov was in fact returning to his home in Geneva following a series of interviews at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 31 and September 1, 1998.

Applicants and those in Switzerland now involved with the prosecution of this application require time to organize and in some cases reconstruct files of the U.S. and other patent applications handled by the late Dr. Tomov. At present efforts are being made to respond to all U.S. applications in which Official Actions or other communications have already been issued.

To the knowledge of the undersigned as of this date there are no outstanding Official Actions or responses required by applicants in this application [see 37 C.F.R. §1.103(a), last sentence].

You are hereby authorized to charge any costs or fees associated with this petition [37 C.F.R. §1.17 (i)] to deposit account 14-1140.

Considering the unusual circumstances involved, favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

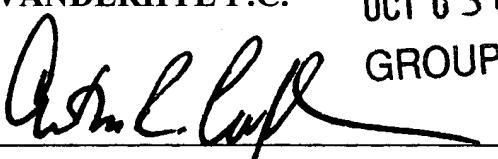
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# A List of Those Killed on Swissair Flight 111

Following is a list of the passengers and crew members killed in the crash of Swissair Flight 111, released last night by the airline. Two of the 215 passengers were not named. Ages or hometowns of the victims were not released.

ABADY, George	COBURN, Richard	JACKMAN, Olivier	MOLINIER, Jean-Philippe	SMITH, Caroline
ABERY, Keith	COLINBARRAND, Thierry	JASAN, Jay	MONAY, N.	SPANNE, Per
ABOUTAAM, Sleiman	COLMERY, Barry	JEGGE, Evelyn	MORERO, JP.	SPANOPOULOU, Eugenia
ABOUTAAM, Suad	COLMERY, Julie	JEGGE, Isabelle	MORERO, M.	SPANOPOULOU, Hodtsev-Plato
ACEVEDO, Ingrid	DANON, Albert	JHURANI, Somesh	MORTIMER, Hilda B.	SPERBER, Julie
ELLEN, Pierre-Andre	DEGRAEF, Maarten	JUNOD, Maryline	MORTIMER, John H.	SPERBER, Thomas
ALBERTSEN, Else	DEMEIRE, Jana	KAISER, Marina	MOSER, Julie	SPRINGER, Hilloyd
ALBERTSEN, Torkild	DEPLEDGE, Caroline	KARAMANOUKIAN, Serge	MOZES, Jean-Max	SPRINGER, Judith
ALLEAUME, Bruno	DEPLEDGE, Jane	KASSEL, James T.	MUNARI, Jaques	STAUFFER, Peter
ALSAUD, Bandar	DEPLEDGE, Micheal	KEFALIDIS, N.	NAPOLI, Phyllis	STAUTER, Robert
AMPOSTA, M.	DEPLEDGE, Norman	KIEF, Kevin	NAVARRO, Yolanda	TAHMOUSH, Albert
BABOLAT, Pierre	DEROUSSAN, Yves	KINDERGEIGER, Klaus	NELSON, Tara	TAHMOUSH, Odette
BACONNIER, Pascal	DIBA, Mahmood	KITSINGER, Eric	NEUWEILER, Adrienne	THIOUDELLET, Alexandre
BAEUMER, Ludwig	DITCHKUS, L.	KLEIN, Stanley	NEUWEILER, John	THIOUDELLET, Emmanuel
BALL, Eudyce	DITCHKUS, M.	KLEINMAN, Karen	NOCETO, Betty	THOMPSON, Ernest
BALL, Martin	DOMINIGUE, Karen	KLEINMAN, Leonard	NOCETO, Claude	THORENS, Sebastien
BELL, Patrick W.	DONALDSON, Rhonda	KOHLER, Stephane	OGARA, William	TOMOV, Nenad
BENJAMIN, Jesse James	DUMITRU, C.	KOKORUDA, Jean	OMRAN, A.	TOPFGIBSON, Nancy
BENJAMIN, Stacey	EZELL, Patricia	KOKORUDA, Robert	PEREAU, Clelia	TSOLLIS, Christos
BENJAMIN, Wahlyn	FETHEROLF, Tara	KREIS, Thomas	PEREAU, Jean-Louis	TZAMARIOUDAKI, Maria
BENJAMIN, Whitney Ginger	FINE, Douglas	KRETSCHMER, Heidi	PEREAU, Joelle	VILLET, Vincent
BILGER, Joachim	FREVIER, Mary-vonne	LAMOTTA, Joseph	PEREAU, Sylvie	WHITE, Rowennallee
BITTENBINDER, Suzanne	FROGHI	LAMPIETTI, Dario	PEREAU, Yves	WILCOX, Alex
BOLSTERLI, Andrew	FUHRMANN, William	LATTIMER, Don	PERROUD, E.	WILCOX, Petra
BOUCHOUT, Geoffroy	GAMBONE, Deborah	LATTIMER, Nancy	PINOESCH, Sker	WILKINS, Monte
BOURE, Faye	GAMBONE, Michael	LEMAITRE, Anne-Laure	PLUMLEIGH, Charlotte	WILLIAMS, Roger
BOURE, Rosline	GARBOUDES, Amanda	LESAICHOT, Jean-Luc	PLUMLEIGH, Glen	WILSON, Jonathan
BOVE, Jane	GARBOUDES, Christine	LEVY, Ronny M.	RAPPAZ, M. Cecile	ZENIOS, Marino
BURCKHARD, Erich	GARBOUDES, Herve	LIBRETT, Jeffrey M.	RAPPAZ, Michel	Crew
BURGHARDT, Susan	GARBOUDES, Tristan	LUCAS, Anna B.	RATNAVALE, J.	ZIMMERMANN, Urs
BURRUS, Dominique	GERETY, Pierce	LUCAS, James N.	RATNAVALE, V.	LOEW, Stephan
BURRUS, Thierry	HAMMOND, Joan	MAILLET, Denis	RICHARD, Karine	OBERHNSLI, Ren
CALVETMASSY, C.	HAMMOND, Paul	MAILLET, Robert	RIZZA, A.	PAZELLER, Seraina
CAPPOLA, Maxine	HASTIE, Cheriem	MAKAREVITCH, Manuel	RIZZA, Victor	SCHWAB, Peter
CARIPIDES, Gabriela	HAUSMAN, Thomas	MALLIN, Gilda	ROMANO, Raymond	POMPILI, Jeannine
CARIPIDES, Peter	HEWSON, Roberte	MALLIN, Ralph	ROSSI, Maurizio	WIPRCHTIGER, Brig-it
CARIPIDES, William	HOCHE, Gabriel	MANN, Jonathan	SALAKHOUTDIN-OVA, E.	BIRKLE, Raphael
CEGAR, Natasa	HOOTSEV, Andrew	MARTIN, Joseph	SALAMA, Magda	BETRISEY, Irene
CHAPMAN, Cauley	HOEL, Anne-Sophie	MEHRARABANSA-MIT, Elahah	SANNA, Nino	CASTIONI, Anne E.
CHAPMAN, Mark	HOEL, Francois	MENDO, C.	SAUGY, Crystel	FURTER, Colette
CHATELAIN, Odette	HOEL, Marie-Francoise	MILNE, Alma	SCARBORO, A.	ZUBER, Florence
CHATELAIN, Raoul	HOEL, Olivia	MILNE, Robert	SCOTT, Matthew	EBERHART, Patricia
CHEVEY, Nathalie	HOEL, Paul-Edouard	MIRALAI, Astrid	SCOULAR, N.	REUTEMANN, Regula
CHEVEY, Nicolas	HOPCRAFT, Lawrence	MIRALAI, Chantal	SEQUI, S.	
CLEMENTSMANN, Marylou	HOPCRAFT, Pauline	MIRALAI, Houchang	SHAW, Stephanie	
	ICONOMOPOULOU, C.H.	MOLINIER, Francoise	SHEER, Diane	
			SHEER, Donald	
			SHUSTER, Stephanie	